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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Growth Group Discussion Questions

November 1- Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:12

1. What does Ecclesiastes 8:1 say about the value of wisdom? How can genuine wisdom change the way we respond when someone frustrates or mistreats us?

2. Why does the Teacher encourage obedience to the king in 8:2-5? What is the difference between wisely respecting authority and blindly obeying authority?

3. According to 8:10-13, why does it sometimes appear that evil people prosper? How should we respond when we see people doing wrong and seemingly being rewarded for it?

4. What does 8:14-17 teach us about trying to understand God's ways?

5. Ecclesiastes 9:1-6 emphasizes that death comes to everyone. How should this truth affect the way we live? If you truly recognize and agree that our time on earth is limited, what might you do differently?

6. What does 9:7-10 mean when it tells us to eat, drink, enjoy life, and work wholeheartedly? What are some ordinary blessings that we may overlook because we are always waiting for something "better" to happen?

7. What does 9:11 teach about ability, success, and circumstances?

8. What is the significance of the warning in Eccl. 9:12 that people do not know when their time will come?

November 8- Ecclesiastes 9:13-11:6

1. What does Ecclesiastes 9:13-16 teach us about the value of wisdom? Why do we sometimes value advice based on the person giving it rather than on the wisdom of what is being said?

2. Why does 9:17-18 say that the quiet words of the wise are better than the shouting of a ruler? In what situations are people tempted to listen more to the loudest voice rather than the wisest voice?

3. What does 10:1 teach about the consequences of seemingly small foolish decisions? What are some small compromises that can eventually cause significant damage to a person's character?

4. In 10:2-3, what is the contrast between the wise and the fool?

5. What does Ecclesiastes 10:4-7 teach about responding to difficult authority? How can patience and self-control protect us when dealing with someone who has authority over us?

6. Chapter 10 verses 8-11 uses several examples of risk and danger. What principle is being communicated? Where in your life would greater preparation or wisdom reduce unnecessary risk?

7. What does 10:12-20 teach about the power of our words and the dangers of foolish leadership? How can our words reveal whether we are exercising wisdom of foolishness?

8. What does Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 teach us about taking action when the future is uncertain?

November 15- Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14

1. What does Ecclesiastes 11:7-8 teach us about enjoying life? What are some ways we can enjoy God's gifts without becoming overly attached to things of this world?

2. Why does 11:9 encourage young people to rejoice and follow the desires of their hearts while also warning them about God's judgement?

3. As you take a look at 11:10, what kinds of worries or distractions can keep us from fully appreciating the season of life God has given us?

4. What is the central message of Eccl. 12:1? Why do people sometimes postpone spiritual priorities until later in life?

5. What do the images in 12:2-7 communicate about aging and death? How can an honest awareness of aging and mortality help us live more intentionally today?

6. Why does Ecclesiastes repeatedly use the word "vanity" as it comes to its conclusion?

7. According to Eccl. 12:9-12, what is the value, and limitation, of wisdom and teaching? How can we make sure that studying God's Word results in transformed living rather than simply increased knowledge?

8. What is the ultimate conclusion of Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, and how does it bring the entire book together?